

Sinclair Broadcasting, in directing their many stations to broadcast a blatantly one-sided political "documentary," violates the public trust and the original intention of the FCC to use the broadcast spectrum to serve responsibly the needs of the democracy that owns it. Sinclair has been granted free use of public property, and that grant of use should be withdrawn by the FCC, representing the American people, if Sinclair persists in its present course of behavior.

This is a clear example of excessive corporate control of public property that results from inadequate media ownership rules. It signals the immediate -- not merely future -- need for much stronger rules and for realistic provisions for enforcement. The license renewal process should be a serious examination of the proper and fair use of the broadcast spectrum, including specific attention to service of the public interest; it should not be a mere nod to those who currently occupy or seek to occupy a portion of the spectrum and satisfy certain technical requirements.

Thank you in advance for acting firmly in the interest of the people of the United States as a whole, and for resisting the ever-present temptations to act otherwise on behalf of special interests, in this and related matters